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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Trenhaile et al.</b>	<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>I. Borissov</b>
<b>Serial No.:</b>	<b>10/008,276</b>	<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	<b>3629</b>
<b>Filed:</b>	<b>8 November 2001</b>		
<b>For:</b>	<b>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING INGREDIENT BLENDING</b>	<b>Docket No.</b>	<b>5605USA</b>

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 20, 2004. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-21 have been rejected.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, for one month, from August 20, 2004, to September 20, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$110.00. It is believed that no additional fee is due. However, if any fee is due, please charge Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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